

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In order to reduce the effects of the welding heat, each of the closure elements 12 and 14 is provided with a pair of ribs 30 on the outside face remoter from the legs 20. The respective ribs 30 are provided again at the margins of the closure, in alignment with the posts 24 and heel portions 28. The ribs 30 are provided by a thickening of the material of which each of the two elements is composed. Because of the additional bulk provided by the ribs 30, they also contribute to the resistance of the closure to deformation due to pressure. On each rib 30 there is provided a layer 32 of a material which is a high-performance sealing/welding material or blend of materials, such as EVA ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) for example. This facilitates the welding of the zipper to the encompassing web or film (not shown). The layers 32 are co-extruded with the closure elements 12 and 14.